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SUMNER DANFORTH DAVIS, M.D.,  
And His Descendants

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PREFACE

At intervals over the past 20 years, we have accumulated considerable genealogical data relative to our Davises and their allied families, but we have been rather reluctant about attempting their publication. So, we are taking this inexpensive method of making at least portions of these records available to those interested, with the hopes that the efforts in their accumulation might not ultimately have been in vain.

We are not professional genealogists. But, after all, far more genealogies are written by interested novices; and unfortunately, far too many attempts fail of completion, the genealogist passes on and the accumulation and efforts of years are often lost. By this means we hope that distribution of 50 copies of these accumulated data will some day make them available for publication.

It is realized that there will be some who will think, if not say, "Why did he write so much about So-and-So and barely mention me?" The answers are simple - the information was not forthcoming upon request, and in some cases second and even third requests failed to bring replies; perhaps you were unduly modest. Often it is "cash on the barrel" that determines the length of a personal write-up, here we have nothing to sell.

Appreciation is due those who assist. In case of unintentional oversight, omissions and errors, please notify us promptly so that additions, corrections and amends can be promptly made.

Sumner A. Davis.

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June, 1947.

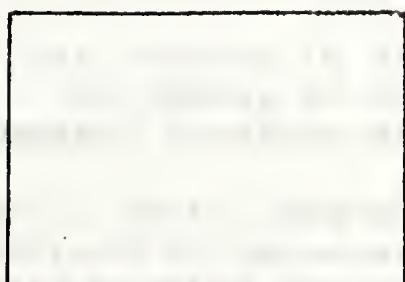
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S U M M E R D A Y F O R T H D A V I S , M. D.,  
And His Descendants.





SUMNER DANFORTH DAVIS, M.D.

(Elisha<sup>8</sup>, James<sup>7</sup>, Richard<sup>6</sup>, Randall<sup>5</sup>, Randall<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, Barnabas<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>)

Son of Elisha and Laura Adeline (Taylor) Davis, b. at Nelson, N.H., 1 March, 1846; d. at Jermyn, Pa., 11 Apr., 1926. He married at Lynn, Mass., 27 Dec., 1865, Laura Ellen Wilson, daughter of Edward Everett and Delia Ann (Jordon) Wilson. She was b. at Lynn, Mass., 3 May, 1850, and is now living (age 97) at Shavertown, Pa.

Sumner Danforth Davis was a physician and surgeon, and lived at Jermyn, Pa. Copy of press notice of his death follows.

DOCTOR DAVIS PASSES AWAY AT AGE OF 80  
End Comes for Prominent Physician  
at His Jermyn Home  
after Year's Illness .

WAS ACTIVE IN MASONIC CIRCLES FOR FIFTY YEARS

First Settled in Hyde Park  
in Spring of 1888  
Funeral Tomorrow Afternoon

Dr. Sumner D. Davis, one of the oldest and most prominent physicians in Lackawanna County and a man active in Masonic circles for more than half a century, died at 12:10 o'clock yesterday morning at his home, Washington avenue and Bacon street, Jermyn. He was eighty years old.

His Death Keenly Felt

Perhaps there is no better known man in this end of the State than Dr. Davis. He began to fail in health a year ago, and during the past few weeks his condition was such that the end was not unexpected. His passing will be keenly felt by his legion of friends.

A kindly man, he was well liked by those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and there was no favor that a friend might ask that he would not willingly try to accomplish. Always active in all things civic, he was among the main boosters of Jermyn. In



addition to his wide practice in the Mid-Valley towns, he always found time to take part in any movement for the betterment of the town, where he had made his home since May, 1869. Dr. Davis was also prominent in politics and held several borough offices and that of postmaster.

#### Settled in Hyde Park

He saw what is now Jermyn grow from a little hamlet to the town that it now is. Before going to that place, he had been a resident of Hyde Park. Dr. Davis was born in Nelson, N.H., March 1, 1846. Upon coming to Hyde Park in the Spring of 1868, he entered the office of Dr. A. Davis to take up the study of medicine. Later, he attended the University of Michigan and Harvard University Medical College, where he was graduated May 10, 1869.

Dr. Davis located in Rushdale, now Jermyn, following his graduation. In the spring of the following year, 1870, he built a drug store in that town, and operated it continuously until recently.

After the incorporation of the borough of Gibsonburg, now Jermyn, Dr. Davis was elected one of the town council for three successive terms; he was elected borough treasurer for one term and borough secretary for four terms. He was appointed postmaster on February 13, 1871, and held this office for fifteen successive years, eleven of which were during Republican administrations, although he was a staunch Democrat in politics. He was secretary of the Gibsonburg Building and Loan Association in October, 1871.

#### His Masonic Record

The record of Dr. Davis in Masonic circles has been most honorable. Receiving his entered apprentice degree on June 4, 1868, and raised to master Mason on July 30, of the same year. When Aurora Lodge, 523, was instituted on October 10, 1873, with Dr. Davis as a charter member, he was installed the first worshipful master. Later he was secretary of this lodge for fifty-three consecutive years. He was also past high priest of Eureka Chapter, 179, of Carbondale; past commander of Palestine Commandery, 14, Knights



Templar, of Carbondale, and treasurer of this commandery for thirty-five successive years; member of Irem Shrine, A.A.O.N.M.S., Wilkes-Barre.

Dr. Davis was also past noble grand of Rushbrook Lodge, 850, I.O.O.F., president of Crystal Fire Company No. 1 for twenty-five years, and one of its founders; secretary of Board of Health and health officer for thirty-two years; secretary Jermyn Cemetery Association; treasurer St. James' Episcopal Church; medical examiner for various life insurance companies, having served in that capacity for the Equitable for nearly fifty years and for the Prudential for over forty-five years.

He is survived by his widow and five children: Mrs. Frank R. Welch, Peckville, Pa.; Mrs. W. M. Taggart, Scranton; Mrs. Harry N. Graves, Wilkes-Barre; Sumner A. Davis, Birmingham, Alabama; Harold E. Davis, Jermyn.

#### Funeral Tomorrow

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. D. Pugh Griffiths, rector of St. James' Church, Jermyn, will officiate, and interment will be in Shadyside Cemetery at that place.

(Note. In 1930, it was decided to remove bodies buried in Shadyside Cemetery, Jermyn, because of the plans of the Hudson Coal company to mine beneath the burial ground. All graves in the Davis Family lot were removed to Valley View Cemetery, Montdale, Scott Township, overlooking Lake Chapman, about four miles from Jermyn.)

There were seven children all born in Jermyn, Pa., as follows:

Freddie, b. 24 Apr, 1870; d. 25 Aug, 1870.  
Ida Belle, b. 8 March, 1872; m. Frank Richard Welch.

Nellie Leone, b. 28 Sep, 1873; d. 3 Dec, 1875.  
Edith Alice, b. 23 March, 1877; m. William Mogee Faggart.

Cora Adeline, b. 6 March, 1880; m. Harry Nelson Graves.

#Sumner Augustus, b. 28 Jan, 1885.



#Harold Everett, b. 5 May, 1889.

(Note: There was also an adopted son, Leon Samuel Wilson, b. South Gardiner, Me., 1879; d. Jermyn, Pa., 10 Dec, 1888, orphan son of Herbert Ernest and Lizzie (Stenson) Wilson. Herbert was a brother of Laura Ellen Wilson, and was a mill sawyer, b. 27 Nov, 1857, d. (tuberculosis) summer of 1883; his wife d. about 1883, at Gardiner, Me.)

#### SUMNER AUGUSTUS DAVIS.

(Sumner Danforth<sup>9</sup>, Elisha<sup>8</sup>, James<sup>7</sup>, Richard<sup>6</sup>, Randall<sup>5</sup>, Randall<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, Barnabas<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>)

Son of Dr. Sumner Danforth and Laura Ellen (Wilson) Davis, b. at Jermyn, Pa., 28 Jan, 1885. He married at Sterling, Mass., 4 Apr, 1909, Helen Azubah Buck, daughter of Thurston and Olive Almira (Shepard) Buck. She was b. at Sterling, Mass., 14 Sep, 1887.

After graduation from Jermyn High School in 1901, having also completed a correspondence course in mechanical drawing, he was employed as draftsman by the Carbondale Machine Co., Carbondale, Pa., which position he resigned in 1904 to enroll at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in electrical engineering, and where he was for three years a member of the varsity track team. Graduating with degree of B.S. in 1908, he worked at various times for Scranton Electric Co., Scranton, Pa., United Shoe Machinery Co., Beverly, Mass., and T.&E.R. Buck, West Sterling, Mass., and in 1910 moved with his family to Athens, Ala., where, with his brother-in-law H. N. Graves, they operated The Athens Planing Mill Co., until its destruction by fire in 1917. For two years during World War I, he was equipment supervisor for J.G. White Engineering Corp., at Muscle Shoals, Ala.; then served one term as City Clerk for the City of Athens, Ala., and in 1923 moved with his family to Birmingham, where for the past 25 years he has been with the Birmingham Electric Co.

Scouting and music have been his hobbies for many years. He has served in practically all positions of volunteer leadership in Scouting, including two terms on the executive board, in recognition of which



he wears a Scoutmaster's Key, Silver Beaver and 25-Year Service Pin. One of his Scout units won the distinction of being awarded National Sea Scout Flagship in 1930.

Also, for many years, he has been a member of Zamora Temple Shrine Band (A.A.O.N.M.S.), and has played saxophones in various bands and orchestras for nearly thirty years, including the Grotto, Knights Templar and Masonic bands, as well as amateur and professional dance orchestras.

He can boast of no military service and has held no public offices nor has he sought any. Served as Sunday School teacher and superintendent he has also been member of church choirs and church boards; has served two terms as Chairman of Church Board.

With his wife and unmarried daughter Jane, he resides at 1913 16th Avenue South, Birmingham, Ala.

There are three children, as follows:

#Sumner Danforth, II, b. 13 Aug, 1910.

Olive, b. Athens, Ala., 19 July, 1915; m.  
Ralph Edward Pierce.

Jane, b. Athens, Ala., 16 May, 1920. Graduated Ramsay High School, Birmingham, 1938; B.S., Pre-Medical, Birmingham-Southern College, 1943; member and vocalist of Birmingham-Southern Choir, Ensemble, and Woman's Glee Club; president of choir; manager of intramural sports; organizer and vice president of Chi Nu Tau (Clinicians, Nurses and Technicians); Girl Scout leader; vocalist in various churches. Since 3 Sep, 1942, she has been research associate with Dr. Tom D. Spies, in Birmingham, Cincinnati and Havana, Cuba.

#### HAROLD EVERETT DAVIS.

(Sumner Danforth<sup>9</sup>, Elisha<sup>8</sup>, James<sup>7</sup>, Richard<sup>6</sup>, Randall<sup>5</sup>, Randall<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup> Barnabas<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>.)

Son of Dr. Sumner Danforth and Laura Ellen (Wilson) Davis, b. at Jermyn, Pa., 5 May, 1889. He married at Parsons, Pa., 20 Oct, 1914, Lila Smith Anwyl, daugh-



ter of James Watkin and Jane (Smith) Anwyl. She was b. at Parsons, Pa., 20 Oct, 1893.

He began his education in the public schools of Jermyn, and later entered Scranton High School, Scranton, Pa., and after graduation entered Pennsylvania State College where he received his B. S. degree in 1913. After completing his college work, he entered the services of Western Electric Co., New York, and later the Norton Co., Worcester, Mass., and still later the Waltham Grinding Wheel Co., Waltham, Mass., where he remained for eight years. He later established his own business as Davis Associates, in Jermyn, dealing in automotive equipment supplies, later, until 1933, operating his own business in Philadelphia, and then removing with his family to Waltham.

In Waltham he was in the services of Chase Photo Laboratories for ten years when he joined the Polaroid Corp., Cambridge, Mass., and remained with them until 1946 when he again organized his own business as the Davis Sales Associates.

He is a member of Delta Upsilon, Phi Kappa Psi, Alpha Chi Sigma, Tau Beta Pi and Lion's Club.

With his wife he resides at 62 Clark Lane, Waltham, Mass.

There are three children, as follows:

#Harold Everett, Jr., b. 3 July, 1916.  
Jean Anwyl, b. 24 March, 1919; m. Albert  
Donald Foster.  
#Robert Wilson, b. 27 July, 1931.

#### SUMNER DANFORTH DAVIS, II.

(Sumner Augustus<sup>10</sup>, Sumner Danforth<sup>9</sup>, Elisha<sup>8</sup>, James<sup>7</sup>, Richard<sup>6</sup>, Randall<sup>5</sup>, Randall<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, Barnabas<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>.)

Son of Sumner Augustus and Helen Azubah (Buck) Davis, b. at Lake Chapman, Scott Township, near Jermyn, Pa., 13 Aug, 1910. He married at Port Chester, N.Y., 30 Dec, 1933, Geraldine Zeidse, daughter of Franklin



Andrew and Lottie Virginia (Niemon) Zeiders. She was b. at Juniata, Pa., 23 Dec, 1908.

At the age of two months, he removed with his parents to Alabama; was educated in the graded schools of Athens, Muscle Shoals and Birmingham, was graduated from Phillips High School, Birmingham, and pursued his pre-medical studies at the University of Alabama, graduating M. D. in 1933 from the University of Pennsylvania.

After completing his internship at Delaware County Hospital, Philadelphia, the Stamford (Conn.) Hospital and St. John's Riverside Hospital, New York City, Dr. Davis returned South and settled in Talladega, Ala., 6 Jan, 1936, where for a year he was associated with Dr. E. B. Wren. He has since had his own office and staff except for the time of his service in World War II.

Closely following the altruistic example of his paternal grandfather whose name he bears, he is very active in professional, civic and church affairs of his town and county. He has been twice elected president of the Talladega County Medical Association, four times Chief of Staff of Talladega Citizens' Hospital, police surgeon, president of Red Cross Association, president of Anti-Tuberculosis Association, appointed by Governor on State Board of Nurses' Examiners and Licensure, a Mason, charter member, president and director of Lions' Club, trustee of Connors-Davis Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars, appointed by Governor as secretary of jury commission, an elder in the First Presbyterian Church, major in Reserve Officer's Association, member of executive board of Chocolocco Council of Boy Scouts of America, member of Talladega Chamber of Commerce and Delta Chi and Phi Chi fraternities.

As a Boy Scout and Scout leader, his record is an enviable one. He served in all capacities in his troops, became an Eagle Scout and was a leader of ability. He won in national competition the Harmon Award for Eagle Scouts and was runner-up among the six finalists, also in national competition, for a Scout to accompany Admiral Byrd on his polar expedition.



He was a member of the famous Liberty (77th) Division and can well be proud of the service he rendered his country in World War II. Choosing the army and the infantry, he served actively at the front as combat medical officer in several major engagements, and he knew from bitter experience the month-long, fox-hole hardships as well as the strenuous jungle strains of the Pacific theatre of operations. During some engagements he handled as many as 150 casualties in a single day, under fire, and several times only miraculously escaped injury.

Participating in the landings and engagements at Guam, Leyte, Ie Shima and Okinawa, Capt. Davis served with honor. He was decorated with the Bronze Star for "heroic and meritorious service" at Guam and with the Purple Heart at Ie Shima. (For the complete story of his service in World War II, see "Dear Folks," a compilation of his letters written home from the various fronts.)

Geraldine Zeiders was left an orphan at the age of ten years when her parents were victims of the influenza epidemic of 1918, and was taken under the guardianship of a great uncle, Jacob Niemond. She attended Derry Township schools, Mifflin County, Pa., and was graduated from Yeagertown High School in 1927, later entering the University of Pennsylvania Hospital School of Nursing, from which she was graduated in 1931.

She is active in the religious and educational affairs of Talladega, especially of the First Presbyterian Church and the Parent Teacher's Association. A member of the Talladega Study Club, she has also been twice president of the Central School Parent Teacher's Association and was instrumental in having a lunch room installed as well as having many other major improvements made. She was president of the Medical Auxiliary in 1943.

Dr. Davis, his wife and three children reside at 805 Stone Ave., Talladega, Ala.

Children:



Nancy Niemond, b. Birmingham, Ala., 18 Sep.  
1936

Linda Jane, b. Birmingham, Ala., 23 Nov., 1938.  
Sumner Augustus, II, b. Talladega, Ala., 15  
Apr., 1947.

#### HAROLD EVERETT DAVIS, JR.

(Harold Everett<sup>10</sup>, Sumner Danforth<sup>9</sup>, Elton<sup>8</sup>, Lila<sup>7</sup>,  
Richard<sup>6</sup>, Randall<sup>5</sup>, Randall<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, Bernice<sup>2</sup>,  
James<sup>1</sup>.)

Son of Harold Everett and Lila Smith (Anwyn) Davis  
b. 2 July, 1916. He married Bernice Taylor. There  
are no children.

He and his wife reside at Riverview Ave., Wal-  
tham, Mass.

#### ROBERT WILSON DAVIS.

(Harold Everett<sup>10</sup>, Sumner Danforth<sup>9</sup>, Elton<sup>8</sup>, Lila<sup>7</sup>,  
Richard<sup>6</sup>, Randall<sup>5</sup>, Randall<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, Bernice<sup>2</sup>,  
James<sup>1</sup>.)

Son of Harold Everett and Lila Smith (Anwyn) Davis,  
b. at Waltham, Mass., 27 July, 1911. He married at  
New London, Conn., 18 Dec. 1943, Ruthleen Mary Wil-  
son, daughter of Frederick Armstrong and Ruthleen  
Agnes (Sloane) Nelson. She was born at New York, N.Y., 3 July, 1919.

He attended the public schools of Waltham and  
Holderness School, Plymouth, N.H., graduating in  
1940 and later attending Hobart College, Geneva, N.Y., with "the intention of studying for the Episco-  
pal ministry." He was a member of the Kappa Alpha So-  
ciety.

With World War II in the offing, he spent a  
short time as salesman for an electrical firm in New  
York while awaiting an opportunity to enter the ser-  
vice, and enlisted 26 Dec., 1941, and was called to  
active duty 10 Jan., 1943. While at the Naval Park-  
ing Grounds at Dahlgren, Va., he was assigned to the



submarine service. He trained for Pharmacist's Mate at New London, Conn., and was married three weeks before heading for Pearl Harbor and Guam. In Jan, 1945, he was aboard the U.S.S. Razorback making three submarine patrols in the East China Sea, in the mouth of Tokyo Bay and in the Sea of Okkste. When peace was declared, he was at the surrender ceremonies in Tokyo Bay. Now, (Aug. 1947) he is Chief Pharmacist's Mate on independent duty at Guam.

Kathleen Mary (Nelson) Davis attended Saint Mary of the Woods, Indiana, and George Washington and Benjamin Franklin Universities, both of Washington, D.C., graduating from the latter with the degree of B.C.S., in 1941. She is an accountant and has worked as such at various places. Her address is 4618 Dittmar Road, Arlington, Va.

There are no children.



## BRUNDAGE

## PAUL BLISS BRUNDAGE.

Son of Andrew Winton and Margaret Fannie (Richards) Brundage, b. at Peckville, Pa., 23 Oct, 1897. He married at Philadelphia, Pa., 1 Oct, 1923, Laura Harriett Welch, daughter of Frank Richard and Ida Belle (Davis) Welch. She was b. at Jermyn, Pa., 25 Dec, 1896.

He attended the public schools at Peckville and later took post graduate work at the (Pa.) High School. In World War I, he trained at Fort Slocum, N.Y., and at Kelley Field, Texas, and was a member of the 484th Aero Squadron. This unit was officially cited for the service they rendered overseas. After 13 months service in France, he was discharged, Feb, 1919, at Washington, D.C.

In Nov, 1923, he moved with his wife to Cleveland, Ohio, where for many years he has been a boiler maker's helper with the New York Central Lines.

Laura Harriett (Welch) Brindage attended the public schools of Peckville, later attending Athens Academy, Athens, Ala., and still later Bloomsburg State Normal School, Bloomsburg, Pa., where she was graduated in 1916, after which she was a school teacher in Peckville and a "house mother" at Girard College, Philadelphia. After World War II, due to the urgent demand for teachers, she supplemented in Cleveland and is now teaching second grade there. She is an Episcopalian and is a member of the Eastern Star.

Paul Bliss Brundage, with his wife and daughter Alma Belle, live at 18303 Windward Road, Cleveland. His son Donald Danforth, and wife, are temporarily residing at the same address.

There are two children, as follows:

#Donald Danforth, b. 29 Jan, 1933.

Alma Belle, b. Cleveland, Ohio, 26 June, 1938.

Graduated from high school June, 1947.



## DONALD DANFORTH BRUNDAGE.

(Laura Harriett (Welch) Brundage<sup>11</sup>, Ida Belle (Davis) Welch<sup>10</sup>, Sumner Danforth Davis<sup>9</sup>, Elisha<sup>8</sup>, James<sup>7</sup>, Richard<sup>6</sup>, Randall<sup>5</sup>, Randall<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, Barnabas<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>)

Son of Paul Bliss and Laura Harriett (Welch) Brundage, was b. at Cleveland, Ohio, 29 Jan, 1933. He married at San Francisco, Calif., 4 June, 1944, Grace Euleen Long, daughter of Aubrey C. and Helen L. (Grace) Long. She was b. at Wichita, Kan., 13 July, 1927.

He attended high school and moved to California in 1940, enlisting in the navy the next year. After "boot training," he went to Brooklyn, N.Y., and thence to Chelsea, Mass., where he was Pharmacist's Mate, Third Class; thence to Norfolk, Va., and on to Panama, as Second Class, and to South America and to Galapagos Islands, later going up the west coast to San Diego, Calif., in a fishing boat which had been taken over by the Government. Later he went to San Francisco and to Seattle, Wash., where the U.S.S. Ballenger was commissioned, and as Pharmacist's Mate, First Class, he became a "plank Owner" on board.

This ship carried troops to Japan and to Islands in the Pacific. He spent several months in Japan, returning to San Diego in Feb, 1947, and on to San Francisco for decommissioning. He was honorably discharged 9 June, 1947. He wears the American Defense, Pacific-American Theater, Good Conduct and Victory decorations.

Grace Euleen (Long) Brundage is of Scotch-Irish descent. She has a high school education; her main interests are swimming and fancy work.

Donald Danforth Brundage, with his wife and child, are residing temporarily at 18303 Windward Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

There is one child, as follows:

Donna Lea, b. San Francisco, Calif., 23 May, 1945.



## BUCK

## HELEN AZUBAH BUCK.

(Buck Ancestry: Thurston<sup>10</sup>, James Orison<sup>9</sup>, Silas<sup>8</sup>, Isaac<sup>7</sup>, Isaac<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, Ephraim<sup>3</sup>, Roger<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>). (Historic Homes--Worcester Co. Vol. II).

(White Ancestry: Thurston Buck<sup>15</sup>, James Orison Buck<sup>14</sup>, Deborah Beaman<sup>13</sup>, Dolly Wilder<sup>12</sup>, Jonathan Wilder<sup>11</sup>, Jonathan Wilder<sup>10</sup>, John Wilder<sup>9</sup>, Sarah White<sup>8</sup>, Josiah White<sup>7</sup>, John White<sup>6</sup>, Robert White<sup>5</sup>, Richard White<sup>4</sup>, Robert White<sup>3</sup>, Richard White<sup>2</sup>, Thomas White<sup>1</sup>). (Descendants of John White--Almira A. White. 1900-09).

Daughter of Thurston and Olive Almira (Shepard) Buck, was b. at Sterling, Mass., 14 Sep, 1887. She married at Sterling, 4 Apr, 1909, Sumner Augustus Davis, son of Dr. Sumner Danforth and Laura Ellen (Wilson) Davis.

She was graduated from Sterling High School in 1904, and from Becker's Business College, Worcester, Mass., in 1905, and for a short time was secretary with T. & E.R. Buck, manufacturers of wood seat chairs, West Sterling, and later she was a special student in art needle work for three years in a Convent in Worcester.

After the death of her mother, she moved with her husband to Pennsylvania, and when their first child was two months old, the family moved to Athens, Ala., and later to Birmingham in 1922.

An organizer of ability, and with a keen business mind, she has always been active in religious and civic affairs. In church work she has been Sunday School teacher, Christian Endeavor Consultant, Finance Chairman of Woman's Council, organizer and superintendent for three years of "Children's Hour." She has been active in Girl Scouting for many years and is recognized as the organizer and leader of the first Girl Scout Mariner Ship in the South, if not in the country, and has served for several years on the Girl Scout Council of Jefferson County, Ala. She has been active in Parent-Teacher's Associations and



also in Red Cross work in both World Wars. During World War II, she organized Senior Girl Scout Troops of "Rangers" and served as consultant in various youth organizations.

She is a member of the D.A.R., No. 109,011.



## FOSTER

## ALBERT DONALD FOSTER

Son of John Thomas and Olive (Mathews) Foster, was b. at Melrose, Mass., 25 Sep, 1917. He married at San Antonio, Texas, 20 Feb, 1943, Jean Anwyl Davis, daughter of Harold Everett and Lila Smith (Anwyl) Davis. She was b. at Waltham, Mass., 24 March, 1919.

Jean Anwyl (Davis) Foster was educated in the public schools of Waltham, and later attended Massachusetts State College where she majored in English, and from which she was graduated A.B. in 1941.

She is a member of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity. In 1941 she received a pilot's license for aviation; she was not in the service in World War II.

Albert Donald Foster, with his wife and family, live at 2033 Commonwealth Ave., Auburndale, Mass.

There are two children, as follows:

Richard Wilson, b. New Orleans, La., 18 Feb, 1943.

Jo Anwyl, b. Waltham, Mass., 6 Aug, 1946.



## FRISBIE

## FRED NELSON FRISBIE

Son of William Sterling and Vasa (Black) Frisbie, was b. at South Canaan, Pa., 6 July, 1905. He married at Archbald, Pa., 13 Dec., 1936, Edith Cora Welch, daughter of Frank Richard and Ida Belle (Davis) Welch. She was b. at Jermyn, Pa., 29 Nov., 1905.

He attended the public schools of Archbald until he was 15 years old when he was stricken with pneumonia. He quit school and at the age of 16 began working in the coal mines, remaining there but a short time when he hired as a truck driver for a seed company in Dickson, Pa., continuing with them for ten years before moving to Hancock, N.Y., as a supply clerk on highway construction work, and on the same kind of work for two years while living at Whitney Point, N.Y.

At Whitney Point, he also began driving a school bus which he has continued to do for the past 13 years with a continuous no-accident record. At Whitney Point, he and his wife now own and operate a service station and tourist camp.

Edith Cora (Welch) Frisbie attended public schools in Peckville, Pa., and for a year worked for the I.C.S. at Scranton. Her mother's illness demanded her help at home for a time, but she later worked for her uncle, Harold Everett Davis, in the automotive equipment business in Scranton, recurrence of her mother's illness again requiring her assistance at home.

Fred Nelson Frisbie, with his wife and her niece, Joan Myrtle Peters, live at Castle Creek, N.Y. They have no children of their own, but have had Joan practically all of her life.

Joan Myrtle Peters, b. Peckville, Pa., 18 Dec., 1930/1.

When about three months old Joan was taken by her aunt, Edith Cora (Welch) Frisbie, then living at



Castle Creek, N.Y., where she remained until she was six years old, returning then to her home in Peckville where she attended school for a year. She then returned to her aunt's where she has since resided.

Joan is attending high school at Whitney Point. She excels in athletics, a medal worn by her certifying to her proficiency in basket ball and archery. She is an ardent lover of animals and claims among her hobbies horse-back riding and ice skating.



## GRAVES

## HARRY NELSON GRAVES

Son of John Nelson and Anna Adele (Hubbard) Graves, b. at Tompkinsville, Pa., 16 July, 1884. He married at Jermyn, Pa., 30 Oct, 1908, Cora Adeline Davis, daughter of Sumner Danforth and Laura Eileen (Wilson) Davis. She was b. at Jermyn, 6 March, 1880.

He was educated in the public schools of Tompkinsville and later attended Keystone Academy, Factoryville, Pa., graduating in 1901. He taught school for a short time at Scott Township and then became interested in the lumber business and went to Jamestown, Tenn., later returning to Pennsylvania but again, with his wife, removing to Seaburns, Ky., in 1907, and to Yamacraw, Ky., in 1908 where he served as postmaster and in other capacities in that small place.

In 1910, he went into the business of buying and selling lumber at Folkville, Ala., and in the fall of that year, being joined in partnership by his brother-in-law, Sumner Augustus Davis, then residing in Massachusetts, they purchased a lumber yard and planing mill in Athens, Ala., and organized The Athens Planing Mill Co., which operated successfully until destroyed by fire July 1917 with a total loss.

He then worked for the Richardson Lumber Co., Florence, Ala., residing with his family in Tuscaloosa. After the deaths of his parents, he returned North and in 1920 opened a grocery business in Wyalusing, Pa., remaining there until 1934, when the urge to return to the lumber business caused him to move to Binghamton, N.Y. In 1935, he moved with his family to Kingston, Pa., and, as salesman for lumber and other building materials, has since resided at Truckeeville (1936), Shavertown (1931), and Dallas (1946). He and his wife now again reside at Shavertown.

Cora Adeline (Davis) Graves attended public schools at Jermyn, and later East Stroudsburg State Normal School, where she was graduated in 1898. She then taught in the Jermyn schools for eight years.



In 1937, she was house mother at the Pennsylvania State Oral School, in Scranton, Pa.

For many years her hobbies were candy making and the manufacture of wooden novelties; the candies were in the professional class and the novelties became a lucrative pastime. The "Original Graves" baby clothes rack, of which over 9,000 dozen were manufactured and marketed in several years, have been in demand in many places. She also painted and distributed over 3,000 "Parrot" ivy bowls.

Active in Girl Scout work, she organized two Brownie Packs, and served on the Girl Scout Council. She is an Episcopalian, member of the Eastern Star and of the D.A.R.

Harry Nelson Graves and wife reside at Shavertown, Pa.

There were three children, as follows:

#John Nelson, II, b. 11 June, 1911.

Ellen Wilson, b. Athens, Ala., 22 May, 1914; d. Trucksville, Pa., 6 Apr. 1938.

She attended common schools at Wyalusing, Pa. Pa., Binghamton, N.Y., and Trucksville.

She was a Girl Scout. Death was caused by pneumonia; burial was at Trucksville.

#Laurie Davis, b. 17 Jan, 1931

#### JOHN NELSON GRAVES, II.

(Cora Adeline Davis<sup>10</sup>, Supter Danforth Davis<sup>9</sup>, Elisha<sup>8</sup>, James<sup>7</sup>, Richard<sup>6</sup>, Randall<sup>5</sup>, Mandall<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, Barnabus<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>.)

Son of Harry Nelson and Cora Adeline (Davis) Graves, b. at Athens, Ala., 11 June, 1911. He married at Kingston, Pa., 1 Jan, 1934, Frances Lenora Stout, daughter of and Pearl (Wilkinson) Stout. She was b. 25 July,

He attended public schools in Athens, Ala., Wyalusing, Pa., Binghamton, N.Y., and Kingston, Forty Fort, Pa., and Kingston Township High School, and later Wyoming Seminary. He is rated high as an expert in automotive parts with Motor Twin, Wilkes Barre, Pa.



John Nelson Graves, with wife and family, live at Shavertown, Pa.

There are three children, all b. in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., as follows:

Janis Lee, b. 15 Oct, 1934.  
Sandra Lynn, b. 13 Jan, 1938.  
Arline Gale, b. 3 Sep, 1944.

#### LAURIS DAVIS GRAVES.

(Cora Adeline Davis<sup>10</sup>, Sumner Danforth Davis<sup>9</sup>, Elisha<sup>8</sup> James<sup>7</sup>, Richard<sup>6</sup>, Randall<sup>5</sup>, Randall<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, Barnabas<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>.)

Son of Harry Nelson and Cora Adeline (Davis) Graves, b. at Wyalusing, Pa., 17 Jan, 1921. He married at Kingston, Pa., 23 June, 1945, Jewel Jacqueline Davidson, daughter of John Anthony and Kathleen (Standifer) Davidson. She was b. at Corbin, Ky., 28 June, 1923.

He attended the graded schools of Kingston Township and Kingston Township High School. Later he entered as a pre-medical student at the University of Alabama where he was graduated in 1944. He then entered Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, and finished his junior year on the Dean's List. He will receive his degree of M.D. in March, 1948. He is a member of Phi Kappa Sigma.

Jewel Jacqueline (Davidson) Graves attended two years at Florence (Ala.) State Teacher's College in 1940-1, and later took a pre-law course at the University of Alabama, where she was graduated in 1944. She is a member of the Delta Zeta, Iota Phi Eta, Blackfriars and Junior Association of American College of Women; in 1944 she was voted a "Favorite" by the University "Coralla."

Lauris Davis Graves and wife reside at 5428 Woodland Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

There are no children.



## PETERS

## FLOYD PETERS

Son of George and Myrtle (Hines) Peters, b. at Peckville, Pa., 3 June, 1909. He married at Lorentown, Pa., 16 Oct., 1930/1, Helen Elizabeth Welch, daughter of Frank Richard and Ida Belle (Davis) Welch. She was b. at Peckville, 13 Apr., 1910.

He attended grammar school to the 6th grade and then began as a laborer in the coal mines. On 9 March 1944, he enlisted in the army, received his infantry training at Camp Blanding, Fla., to 27 July, 1944 and was sent overseas 11 Aug., 1944 as a machine gunner in the Heavy 605th. Overseas he was promoted to Staff Sergeant and was wounded in action 13 Sep., 1944 and was inactive for ten days. On 31 Nov., 1944, in the Rhineland, he was wounded in an artillery barrage and was hospitalized. He was discharged from the Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, 16 March, 1945, 150% disabled.

He wears the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, two Bronze Service Stars, European, African and Middle Eastern Campaign medals and ribbons and World War II Victory Medal and Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Rifle Marksman's Badge and Machine Gunner 3rd Class.

Helen Elizabeth (Welch) Peters attended school to the 11th grade when her mother's illness required her duties at home. She is an efficient housewife, likes to read, and is raising a large family.

Floyd Peters, wife and eight children live at Peckville, Pa.

There were 11 children, as follows:

Joan Myrtle, b. Peckville, Pa., 18 Dec., 1930/1  
(See "Frisbie.")

Floyd, b. Peckville, 11 Feb., 1933; d. 31 July, 1945. Drowned while swimming at Lake Chapman.

Nancy, b. Archbald, Pa., 11 March, 1934

Jean Davis, b. Archbald, 8 Jun., 1936



Richard Frank, b. Peckville, 25 Sep, 1935.  
Kathryn, b. Archbald, 13 Jan, 1939.  
Marcia Frances, b. Peckville, 23 Feb, 1940.  
Sandra, b. Winton, Pa., 14 July, 1941.  
Ronald Ralph, b. Winton, 34 Oct, 1942.  
Nisia Mae, b. Peckville, 16 June, 1944; d.  
Peckville, 4 Feb, 1945, of convulsion  
in her sleep "while her daddy was hos-  
pitalized overseas."  
Susan, b. Peckville, 9 Jan, 1946



## PIERCE

## RALPH EDWARD PIERCE

Son of Edward Wesley and Jeanette (Croft) Pierce, b. at Leominster, Mass., 18 Sep., 1913. He married at Greenville, N.H., 29 Apr., 1938, Olive Davis, daughter of Sumner Augustus and Helen Azubah (Buck) Davis. She was b. at Athens, Ala., 19 July, 1915.

He received his degree of B.S. in electrical engineering from Norwich (Vt.) University in 1936, and worked for a time with utilities in New England, later moving South and working for Mississippi Power and Light Co., in Jackson, Miss. He joined the 6th Cavalry as 2nd Lieutenant in Sep., 1940, and was trained at Fort Oglethorpe and Camp Blanding (Fla.). Recurrence of an injury to his knees in college football days placed him on the Inactive list, and he was transferred to Headquarters, 4th Service Command, Atlanta, Ga., where he remained until his discharge as Lieutenant Colonel on 24 Dec., 1946.

Following his discharge he lived for a year at Talladega, Ala., before settling in Homewood, Ala. He is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Olive (Davis) Pierce attended Ramsay Technical High School, at Birmingham, and Birmingham Southern College, and later Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, where she was graduated in Nov., 1937, following which she was a supervisor in the Burbank Hospital, Fitchburg, Mass.

She was a Girl Scout and an Assistant Scout Leader; during her high school days she was excellent in the school orchestra.

Ralph Edward Pierce and family reside at 404 Edgeland Place, Homewood, Ala.

There were three children, as follows:

Edward Davis, b. Birmingham, Ala., 18 July, 1939.

Jane Croft, b. Ft. McPherson, Ga., 10 Feb., 1943.



d. Atlanta, Ga., 27 Dec, 1943. Cause of death was pneumonia; buried at National Cemetery, Marietta, Ga.

Robert Wesley, b. Ft. McPherson, Ga., 4 Apr, 1945.



## TAGGART

## WILLIAM MOGEE TAGGART

Son of David Taggart, d. at Green Ridge, Pa., about 1930. He married Edith Alice Davis, daughter of Dr. Sumner Danforth and Laura Ellen (Wilson) Davis. She was b. at Jermyn, Pa., 23 March, 1877.

His mother d. when he was only 13 years old. He was educated at Millersville (Pa.) State College and later taught English at Mexico City; still later he was an instructor at the Iowa Industrial School, Eldora, Iowa. Following this he entered the U.S. Railway Mail Service operating on the D.&H. R.R. between Nineveh, N.Y., and Wilkes-Barre, Pa; later he was in the same service on the D.L.& W. R.R. operating between Buffalo and New York City.

Edith Alice (Davis) Taggart was educated in the public schools of Jermyn, Pa., and Wood's Business College, Scranton. She attended the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, and also studied piano under Harold Briggs and violin under Julia C. Allen. She is an accomplished pianist and violinist, and a teacher of both of these instruments. She played violin in a symphony in New York City and also with the Scranton Symphony Orchestra in one of the only two concerts they presented. She taught at the Iowa Industrial School with her husband.

In religion she was an Episcopalian in her early life, but became a very devout Christian Scientist, and for some time after her husband's death led a rather reclusive life.

She now lives at Shavertown, Pa., with her 97-year-old mother.

There were two children, as follows:

#Kenneth Wilson, b. Pittston, Pa., 1903.  
A son (twin), b. 1903; d. at birth.



## KENNETH WILSON TAGGART

(Edith Alice Davis<sup>10</sup>, Sumner Danforth Davis<sup>9</sup>, Elsie<sup>8</sup>,  
James<sup>7</sup>, Richard<sup>6</sup>, Randall<sup>5</sup>, Randall<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, Barth  
abas<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>)

Son of William Mogee and Edith Alice (Davis) Taggart,  
b. at Pittston, Pa., 1863; d. at New York City, 1933.  
He was married twice, (1) at Green Ridge, Pa., to  
Murion Louise Stone, and (2) to Margaret Vossen.

He inherited his mother's musical talents, but  
he did not develop them. He worked for a short time  
in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and later was an interior de-  
corator in New York City, where he died.

There were no children.



## WILLIAM

## FRANK RICHARD WELCH

Son of Joseph Barron and Harriett (Balding) Welch, b. at Tunkhannock, Pa., 26 Sept., 1870; d. at Castle Creek, N.Y., 8 Feb., 1942. He married at Jermyn, Pa., 19 June, 1896, Ida Belle Davis, daughter of Sumner Danforth and Laura Ellen (Arrison) Davis and was a at Jermyn, Pa., 2 March, 1872 and d. at Lake Chapman, Scott Township, Pa., 11 Oct., 1916.

He was educated in the public schools of Tunkhannock. He worked for a time as pharmacist in the drug store of Dr. Sumner Danforth Davis, Jermyn, Pa. and later in the same capacity in a drug store in Wilkes Barre. Indoor work not agreeing with him he was forced to seek employment out of doors and was for some time outside foreman at Sterick Coal Company, Jessup, Pa. About 1933, he moved to his Davis place at Lake Chapman, where he spent the remainder of his life. His death followed that of his wife while he was on a visit at his daughter's home in Castle Creek, N.Y.

He was noted as a sportsman active in attending with rod and gun; as a chess player he was recognized as the county champion and played against many champions from other states. He was a Mason.

Ida Belle (Davis) Welch attended the public schools of Jermyn, and the high school at Dicksondale, Pa., She was an Episcopalian and for eight years was organist at St. James' Church, Jermyn, where also she had also been a vocalist; she was also a soprano and pianist and an artist of some ability. At the age of 19 years she became deaf, but she learned lip reading and could converse easily with most people. She suffered a fall a few years before her death and during that time was practically bedridden.

There were eight children, as follows:

Laura Harriett, b. 25 Dec., 1898, m. Paul Brundage  
 #Joseph Sumner, b. 29 Jan., 1900



Edith Cora, b. 29 Nov, 1903; m. Fred Nelson Frisbie.  
 Edwin Everett, b. Wyoming, Pa., 16 Aug, 1904;  
 d. 2 Dec, 1904.  
 #Everett Davis, b. 20 Dec, 1906.  
 Elmer Bartron, b. Peckville, Pa., 2 Jan, 1909;  
 d. 28 Aug, 1909.  
 Helen Elizabeth, b. 13 Apr, 1910; m. Floyd Peters.  
 #Edward Wilson, b. 11 March, 1913.

#### JOSEPH SUMNER WELCH

(Ida Belle Davis<sup>10</sup>, Sumner Danforth Davis<sup>9</sup>, Elisha<sup>8</sup>, James<sup>7</sup>, Richard<sup>6</sup>, Randall<sup>5</sup>, Randall<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, Barnabas<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>)

Son of Frank Richard and Ida Belle (Davis) Welch, b. at Jermyn, Pa., 29 Jan, 1900. He married at Girard, Pa., 21 Jan, 1932, Phyllis Mary McGeorge, daughter of Harold and Jane C. (Corlett) McGeorge. She was b. at East Cleveland, Ohio, 1 May, 1909.

He attended public schools of Peckville and did correspondence school work with I.C.S. For many years he has been with the Reliance Electric and Engineering Co., Cleveland, where he is now a foreman in the service and repair shop. He is a Mason and a member of Al Suat Grotto.

Phyllis Mary (McGeorge) Welch was graduated from high school and attended college for two years. She is a member of Phi Mu and Philanthropies.

Joseph Sumner Welch and family live at 1231 Sylvania Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

There are two children, as follows:

Jay Sumner, b. Cleveland, Ohio, 11 Apr, 1936.  
 Kenneth Davis, b. Cleveland, 5 June, 1938.

#### EVERETT DAVIS ("TEDDY") WELCH

(Ida Belle Davis<sup>10</sup>, Sumner Danforth Davis<sup>9</sup>, Elisha<sup>8</sup>, James<sup>7</sup>, Richard<sup>6</sup>, Randall<sup>5</sup>, Randall<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, Barnabas<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>)



Son of Frank Richard and Ida Belle (Davis) Welch, b. at Peckville, Pa., 20 Dec, 1908; d. at Cleveland, Ohio, 12 Dec, 1936. He married twice; (1) at Scranton, Pa., 21 Jan, 1928, Marjorie Hawthorne, daughter of Judd and Alice (Koempel) Hawthorne. She was b. at Buffalo, N.Y., 7 Nov, 1916; (2) at Erie, Pa., 6 Apr, 1935, Genevieve Slaugenhaft, daughter of William R. and Ida May (Eichmann) Slaugenhaft. She was b. at Shippensburg, Pa., 9 Dec, 1905.

He attended public schools and high school at Peckville, Pa. He moved to Cleveland, Ohio, and was employed by an electrical manufacturing concern where he was burned by flames from naptha being used in cleaning motors; it became ignited by a spark from a defective drill plug. He was burned about the eyes, hands and face, and died from the effects of toxic poisoning while hospitalized.

Marjorie (Hawthorne) Welch divorced her first husband three or four years after their marriage, and consequently, 1932, married James Laro. She took her son with her and has had his name changed to Haro. She lives at 304 West Elm St., Dunkirk, Pa., Coosa. Wilson Haro is employed at Chittenden's Drug Store, Scranton, Pa. He enlisted for service in World War II, but was rejected.

Genevieve (Slaugenhaft) Welch was educated in the public schools. She was a Technical Sergeant in the U.S.A.C., World War II, stationed at Fort Shad thorpe, Ga., Camp Devens, Mass., and Daytona Beach, Fla. She resides at 121 Clinton Ave., Kankakee, Ill.

There was one child, as follows:

George Wilson, b. Peckville, Pa., 29 March, 1929.

#### EDWARD WILSON (JIMMIE) WELCH

(Ida Belle Lewis<sup>10</sup>, Sumner Danforth Davis<sup>9</sup>, Elisha<sup>8</sup> James<sup>7</sup>, Richard<sup>6</sup>, Randall<sup>5</sup>, Randall<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, Barn abas<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>)

Son of Frank Richard and Ida Belle (Davis) Welch, b. at Peckville, Pa., 11 March, 1913. He married at



Willoughby, Ohio, 30 June, 1939, Mildred Marie Peck, daughter of William McKinley and Addie Sophia (Smith) Peck. She was b. at Rock Creek, Ohio, 22 Feb, 1920.

He attended grammar school at Peckville, and also Blakely High School, where he was graduated. He was a track star in high school and won several medals in the sprints. Although a machinist by trade, in World War II he was a private in the 20th Field Hospital from 31 July, 1943 to 17 Feb, 1946, and served overseas in the European Theater.

Mildred Marie (Peck) Welch was graduated from Chardon (Ohio) High School in 1938.

Edward Wilson ("Jimmie") Welch and wife are members of the Methodist Church and live at Chardon, Ohio, R.D. 3.

There is one child, as follows:

Diane Joyce, b. Chardon, Ohio, 25 June, 1943.



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## ADDITIONS

SUMNER DANFORTH DAVIS, M.D.

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Sumner D. Davis, M.D., a son of Elieha and Laura A. Davis, was b. in Nelson, Cheshire Co., N.H., 1 March, 1846, and married Laura E. Wilson, of Lynn, Mass., 27 Dec., 1865. They have three girls living.

He came to Hyde Park, Pa., in the spring of 1868 nearly penniless, and entered the office of Dr. Augustus Davis. He earned and saved enough money by book-keeping, keeping up his studies nights, to pay his expenses during the three years of study, besides the expenses of two courses on medical lectures, one at the University of Michigan and the other at Harvard University Medical College, Boston, Mass., where he was graduated 10 March, 1869, aged 23 years, indebted pecuniarily to no one, but with his savings exhausted.

He borrowed \$50 of a brother and located in Bushdale, now Jermyn, Pa., in May, 1869. He borrowed money and built a drug store in the spring of 1870. During his period of study he served as assistant assessor of internal revenue for April and May of 1867 and 1868, also during the summer of 1868. He also worked a few months for the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co., making out payrolls and paying the men at the Baltimore Coal Mines, near Wilkes-Barre.

After the incorporation of the borough of Gibsonburg, now Jermyn, he was elected one of the town council for three successive terms. He has been borough secretary four terms and borough treasurer one term; Past Master of Aurora Lodge No. 533, F. and A.M.; Past Noble Grand of Rushbrook Lodge No. 850, I.O.O.F., and Past High Priest of Eureka Chapter No. 178 R.A.M., of Carbondale; and is the present (1880) General of Palestine Commandery No. 14, K.T., of Carbondale.

A Democrat in politics, he has been postmaster from 13 Feb., 1871, about six months after the establishment of the post office of Gibsonburg, until the present time. He has been secretary of the Gibsonburg Building and Loan Association from its organization in Oct., 1871, until the present time. He joined the Masonic order in June, 1868. (History of Luzerne, Lackawanna and Wyoming Counties, Pa. 1880. p. 468B)



### Dr. S. D. Davis

Dr. Sumner D. Davis died at his home in Jermyn Saturday evening, April 10th, 1926.

Dr. Davis was born in Nelson, N.H., March 1, 1846, and came to Hyde Park, Pa., in the spring of 1868, when he entered the office of Dr. A. Davis to take up the study of medicine. Later he attended the University of Michigan, and Harvard University Medical College where he was graduated May 10, 1869.

Dr. Davis located in Rushdale, now Jermyn, in May, 1869, building his drug store in the spring of 1870, and operating it continuously until recently.

After the incorporation of the borough of Gibsonburg, now Jermyn, Dr. Davis was elected one of the town council for three successive terms. He was elected borough secretary for four terms and borough treasurer for one term. He was appointed postmaster on February 13, 1871, and held this office for 15 successive years, 11 of which were during Republican administrations, although he was a staunch Democrat in politics. He was secretary of the Gibsonburg Building and Loan Association from its organization in October, 1871.

The record of Dr. Davis in Masonic circles has been most honorable. When Aurora Lodge, No. 523, was instituted on October 10, 1873, with Dr. Davis as a charter member, he was installed the first worshipful master. He was secretary of this lodge for 53 successive years. He was also past high priest of Eureka Chapter, 179, of Carbondale; past commander of Palestine Commandery, No. 14, K.T., of Carbondale and treasurer of this commandery for 35 successive years and member of Irem Shrine, A.A.O.N.M.S., Wilkes-Barre.

Dr. Davis was also past noble grand of Rushbrook Lodge, No. 850, I.O.O.F.; president of Crystal Fire Co., No. 1, for 25 years or more and also one of its founders; secretary of Board of Health and health officer for 32 years; secretary Jermyn Cemetery Association; treasurer of St. James Episcopal Church; medical examiner for various life insurance companies, having served in that capacity for the Equitable for nearly 50 years and for the Prudential for over 45 years.



He is survived by his widow and five children: Mrs. Frank R. Welsh, of Peckville, Pa.; Mrs. W. M. Taggart, of Scranton; Mrs. Harry N. Graves, of Wilkes-Barre; Sumner A. Davis, Birmingham, Ala., and Harold E. Davis, of Jermyn.

### Elaborate Funeral

The funeral which was one of the most elaborate and picturesque held in Jermyn in sometime, took place from the late home on Washington Avenue, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and was attended by throngs of sorrowing relatives and friends and fraternal bodies.

A delegation from the Commandery at Carbondale was present in uniform and acted as a body guard, walking on either side of the hearse. The Blue Lodge of Masons, of Jermyn, headed the procession. Rushbrook Lodge of Odd Fellows and Doctors and Pharmacists, of this and neighboring towns, were also in attendance.

The esteem in which the late doctor was held was manifested in the numerous and beautiful floral pieces present, which were carried by members of Aurora Lodge No. 533. The pall-bearers were also members of the same lodge. They were: John F. Nicholson, John D. Pritchard, Frank Winters of Carbondale and Frank Pendred of Wilkes-Barre.

The flowers were carried by C. F. Baker, James G. Nicholson, Charles Miller, Elwood Allen, Walter Hogarth, George Pizer, George Griffiths and E. E. Metthews.

The services at the house were conducted by Rev. D. Pugh Griffith, Rector of the St. James Church, of which the late brother was a member. The singing was by Mrs. Nicholas Bennett, Mrs. Allen E. Nicholson, Rev. D. Pugh Griffith and Richard Hooking.

At the grave a short service was read by Rev. Griffith and the regular Masonic service was presented by the officers of the Masonic order and members.

Many prominent Masons from this end of the state were present at the funeral. (-The Jermyn Press- Friday, April 16, 1936.)



Dr. Sumner D. Davis, who died in Scranton yesterday, at the age of 80, was one of the most prominent and successful practitioners in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

He was something to have practiced medicine in one community for more than half a century. Dr. Davis who was born in New Hampshire, removed to Hyde Park in 1860, studied medicine there, later attended the University of Michigan and Harvard Medical College, and graduated from the latter institution in 1869.

Locating in Jermyn immediately after graduation, Dr. Davis constructed a drug store in the town which he conducted until recently in connection with his practice.

He was very prominent in Masonic circles and one of the best liked men in this section of the country. A fine type of citizen Dr. Davis was kind of heart, a man of force and vision, who will be greatly missed and sincerely mourned. (The Stroller's Notebook - Scranton Republican April 13, 1946.)

In years and point of service Dr. Sumner D. Davis, who died in Jermyn yesterday, where he had lived for 66 years, was probably the oldest physician in the county. He was graduated in medicine in 1869 and was 80 years of age. Dr. Davis came of old line New England Yankee stock. He located first in Hyde Park, in 1867, where his uncle, Dr. Augustus Davis, was then one of the leading public and professional men of the place. A few years later on his graduation as a physician he hung out his shingle in Jermyn, then called Gibsonburg. That town and its environs has been the scenes of his life work since. Dr. Davis conducted a pharmacy in connection with his practice. He was active in town affairs, holding half a dozen offices from councilman to postmaster. Politically, he was a staunch Democrat, yet his Republican neighbors without fail elected him whenever he would consent to be a candidate for an office in the borough. Only recently Dr. Davis and Mrs. Davis observed, if I recall correctly, their 57th wedding anniversary. Dr. Davis was an uncle (?) of the late Attorney J. Alton Davis and of Dr. F. Whitney Davis, and a grand uncle (?) of Attorney E. Augustus Davis. (From a Scranton newspaper.)



DR. SUMNER DAVIS SUCCUMBS;  
LIVED MOST ACTIVE LIFE

He Died Midvalley His Home  
For More Than Fifty  
Years - Prominent In  
Many Lines

The funeral of Dr. Sumner D. Davis, prominent physician in Lackawanna County for more than 50 years and a leader in local Masonic circles for over half a century, who died yesterday morning at 12:10 o'clock at his home, Washington avenue and Bacon street, Jermyn, will be conducted tomorrow afternoon. Services at the residence at two o'clock will be conducted by the Rev. D. Pugh Griffiths, rector of St. James' church, Jermyn. Burian will be in Shady-side cemetery in that town, with Masonic bodies in charge.

Dr. Davis is survived by his widow and five children: Mrs. Frank R. Welch, of Peckville; Mrs. W. M. Taggart, of Scranton; Mrs. Harry N. Graves, of Wilkes-Barre; Sumner A. Davis, of Birmingham, Ala., and Harold E. Davis, of Jermyn.

Dr. Davis was 80 years old and was perhaps one of the oldest and best known practitioners of medicine in this part of the state. He led a most active life, finding time in addition to his duties as a physician and a leading figure in Masonic affairs to engage in politics, holding several borough offices, including that of postmaster.

One year ago Dr. Davis began to fail in health. Two weeks ago he took to his bed and he gradually grew weaker until the end yesterday morning. A wide legion of acquaintances mourn his passing.

Born in 1846

Dr. Davis was born in Nelson, N.H., March 1, 1846, and moved to West Scranton in the spring of 1868. He entered the office of Dr. A. Davis to take up the study of medicine. Later he attended the University of Michigan and Harvard university medical college, where he was graduated May 10, 1869.

Dr. Davis located in Rushdale, now Jermyn, in



May, 1869, building a drug store in the spring of 1870, and operating it continuously until recently. He was always interested in the welfare of his fellowman and the upbuilding of the community in which he lived and took an active part in all public life.

After the incorporation of the borough of Gibsonburg, now Jermyn, Dr. Davis was elected one of the town council for three successive terms; he was elected borough secretary for four terms and borough treasurer for one term. He was appointed postmaster on Feb. 13, 1871 and held that office for 15 successive years, 11 of which were during Republican administrations although he was a staunch Democrat in politics. He was secretary of the Gibsonburg Building and Loan association from its organization in October, 1871.

#### Masonic Record

The record of Dr. Davis in Masonic circles has been most honorable. Receiving his entered apprentice degree in June 4, 1868, he was advanced to fellowship on July 2, 1868 and raised to master Mason on July 30 of the same year. When Aurora Lodge, No. 523 was instituted on Oct. 10, 1873, with Dr. Davis as a charter member, he was installed the first worshipful master. Later he was secretary of this lodge for 53 successive years. He was also past high priest of Eureka chapter No. 179, of Carbondale; past commander of Palestine commandery, No. 14, K.T. of Carbondale and treasurer of this commandery for 35 successive years; member of Irem Shrine, A.A.O.N.M.S., Wilkes-Barre.

Dr. Davis was also past noble grand of Rushbrook Lodge, No. 830, I.O.O.F.; president of Crystal Fire company, No. 1, for 25 years and one of its founders; secretary of board of health and health officer for 32 years; secretary Jermyn Cemetery association; treasurer St. James' Episcopal church; medical examiner for various life insurance companies having served in that capacity for the Equitable for nearly 50 years and for the Prudential for over 45 years. (Scranton newspaper)



**SUMNER DANFORTH DAVIS, II**

p. 7. Appointed County Surgeon for Talladega County, for 1947.

**HAROLD EVERETT DAVIS, JR**

p. 9. Born at Waltham, Mass. He married at Waltham, Bernice Taylor, daughter of George and Carrie (Taylor) Taylor. She was born at Boston, Mass., 16 Feb, 1919.

He was educated at Waltham High School, Boston University and Northeastern University. At present he is general manager of Film Finishers, Inc., Waltham.

Bernice Taylor Davis attended schools in Boston and Salem High School.

**ALBERT DONALD FOSTER**

p. 15. He was educated in the schools of Melrose and later attended Dartmouth College, where he was graduated in 1939. During World War II he was Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Air Corps, pilot on a carrier in the Pacific. He is now salesman with J. Morton Co., food brokers.

**JOHN NELSON GRAVES, II**

p. 18. Frances Lenora Stout, daughter of Israel Tripp and Pearl (Wilkinson) Stout. She was born 22 July, 1911.

**CORRECTIONS TO CHART**

First wife of Everett Davis Welch was Marjorie Hawthorne. Her mother, Alma (Koempel) Hawthorne, married (3) Twining. Son of Everett Davis Welch was George Wilson Welch. After death of his father, and remarriage of his mother, George Wilson's name was changed to Naro.



## CORRECTIONS TO CHART

Second wife of Kenneth Wilson Taggart was Margaret Cesana.

Harold Everett Davis, Jr., married Bernice Taylor.

Edith Cora Welch married Fred Nelson Friesbie.



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Given by Mr Walter Goodwin & wife  
Fairland, Maine













